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TE 91998, COPENHAGEN 1181 (NOTAL)

1. ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY LOWENSTEIN CALLED IN
NETHERLANDS, FRG, DANISH AND NORWEGIAN DCM'S, AND UK
REPS, TO CONVEY OUR VIEWS ON SPAIN AND NATO. ALL UNDER-
TOOK TO REPORT THIS DISCUSSION, INTENDED TO REINFORCE
INSTRUCTIONS PER STATE 91998, TO CAPITALS.

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2. ONLY SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT WAS FROM DANISH DCM DYVIG, WHO DREW UPON REPORTING CABLE FROM COPENHAGEN COVERING FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSSEN'S CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR CROWE, AND MADE FOLLOWING POINTS ASCRIBED TO DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER:

-- THE QUESTION OF SPAIN HAS BEEN RAISED IN THE EC CONTEXT, APPARENTLY UNDER THE IMPETUS OF INTEREST AND CONCERN OVER DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL, AND A DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN BY THE NINE TO STUDY WAYS TO IMPROVE THE PROSPECTS FOR DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENTS IN SPAIN.

-- SPANISH MEMBERSHIP IN NATO IS A MOST DIFFICULT QUESTION FOR DENMARK, WHICH VIEWS NATO AS A COMMUNITY

OF DEMOCRATIC STATES. DENMARK MUST TAKE CARE OF ITS OWN INTERESTS AT PRESENT, INCLUDING THE NEED TO STAY IN NATO, AND THUS CANNOT MOVE ON ANY SUGGESTION THAT SPAIN BE A NATO MEMBER.

-- DENMARK IS RELUCTANT TO SEE SPAIN BROUGHT UP AT THE NATO SUMMIT. IF THE SUBJECT IS RAISED FORMALLY, OR IS INSCRIBED ON THE AGENDA, IT WILL PROBABLY LEAK TO THE PRESS, AND IN THIS CASE DENMARK WOULD RELUCTANTLY BE FORCED TO MAKE A PUBLIC REJOINDER AND TAKE A TOUGHER POSITION THAN COULD BE TAKEN PRIVATELY.

-- DENMARK IS PREPARED TO JOIN IN AN UNPREJUDICED DISCUSSION OF WAYS IN WHICH A DEMOCRATIC EVOLUTION IN SPAIN COULD BE HELPED, WHILE RULING OUT FOR THE PRESENT THE QUESTION OF SPANISH MEMBERSHIP IN NATO.

3. DRAWING FULLY ON STATE 91998, LOWENSTEIN POINTED OUT THAT US IS NOT ASKING ALLIES TO AGREE NOW TO SPANISH MEMBERSHIP IN NATO, BUT TO CONSIDER STEPS THAT MAY BE TAKEN IN THE PRESENT ENVIRONMENT THAT WILL PAVE THE WAY FOR A FUTURE SPANISH ROLE IN NATO, AS WELL AS TO EXAMINE POSSIBILITIES FOR SOME EXPRESSION BY THE ALLIES OF RECOGNITION THAT SPAIN IS IMPORTANT TO WESTERN DEFENSE. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER
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